

Recent Questions and Answers Regarding the CTSA Program

(Posted March 17, 2006)

Can I include color figures in an application for a full CTSA?

Applicants for full CTSAs who wish reviewers to see color versions of Figures that are already incorporated in the application should submit 5 copies of the relevant pages to the NCCR Office for Review at the address given in the RFA. These copies should be marked with the name of the PI and should be received by April 30, 2006.

(Posted March 7, 2006)

Should a PHS 398 “Resources” page be included in the CTSA Planning Grant application?

Yes. This should describe existing Resources relevant to the planning grant (e.g., GCRC). This is in addition to the 25-page limitation for “A-D.”

(Posted March 3, 2006)

Should a PHS 398 “Resources and Environment” page be included in the CTSA application? The format for the grant does not list one.

The standard PHS 398 Resources and Environment page was not included for submission, because an applicant institution’s existing resources and environment will likely be sufficiently described in Section G, 1: “Overall Integrated Approach/Governance” (25 pages).

The RFA states that “Facilities and administrative costs requested by consortium participants are not included in the direct cost limitation, see NOT-OD-05-004” but also states that the maximum CTSA award is \$6M total costs above the sum of certain awards that the applicant institution may already receive. Are the F&A costs of consortium participants to be counted above this \$6M total cost limitation?

NOT-OD-05-004 refers to a direct cost limitation. CTSA applicants may request up to \$6M in addition to the total costs of the applicable M01s, Ts & Ks held by the applicant institution and its affiliates. Consortium participants F&A costs need to be budgeted within the \$6M total cost request.